

# An Example of Emotional Reactivity

## Transcript from Movie Excerpt, “The Details”

HER	HIM
You know I really don't feel like talking about this five nights a week. <b>[Soft tone]</b>	I'm sorry. I didn't mean to bore you. <b>[Calm voice]</b>
We should have re-landscaped without sod like I keep telling you. <b>[Soft tone]</b>	You know, 1,500 square feet of grass and a new irrigation system was expensive. You just don't throw it away.
Please don't use that tone with me. <b>[Slamming book closed]</b>	I didn't use any tone with you.
OK don't deny using a tone when you use a tone. I'm not crazy. I know what I just heard. <b>[Slightly raising of her voice, becoming more animated].</b>	I didn't call you crazy.
But you implied it though, didn't you? As if I am not sane enough to judge your tone of voice. <b>[Major change of body position, facing him now].</b>	Maybe you are crazy.
Oh, Oh, right. Oh, oh now the truth comes out. Well, you want to know the truth? <b>[Raising voice]</b>	Yeah, sure. I love the truth. <b>[Raising voice]</b>
The truth is you are the crazy one. OK. With these g-ddamn raccoons you are acting like a complete f-ing deranged moron. <b>[Raising voice, more animated, cursing]</b>	Now I am acting like a f-ing deranged moron? <b>[Raising voice, more animated, cursing]</b>
Keep you f-ing voice down <b>[Voice raised]</b>	You keep your f-ing voice down. <b>[Voice raised]</b>
Don't you dare wake up Miles. <b>[Voice raised, cursing]</b>	This is it. This is perfect. This is just what you want isn't it? <b>[Loud, very upset]</b>
What is what I want?	You want me to get crazy so you can remind me of how crazy I got
Mission accomplished.	when you make me apologize to you.
<i>[More conversation]</i> <b>yelling</b>	<i>[More conversation]</i> <b>yelling</b>
What?	And of course I am the crazy one and of course you have no f-ing responsibility at all. <b>[yelling, cursing]</b>
<i>[An expletive statement]</i>	<i>[An expletive statement that tops her expletive statement]</i> End of Scene